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SUBJ: IRANIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNFDAC

REF: DISCUSSIONS AT NOV. 19-20 NEW DELHI NCO CONFERENCE

1. WITH THE DISCUSSIONS DURING THE NEW DELHI NCO CONFERENCE FRESH  
IN MIND, WE THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO COMMENT ON THE AFGHAN  
OPIUM CONNECTION VIS-A-VIS URGING IRAN TO INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL  
CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC.

2. AT THE CONFERENCE IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE UNFDAC WAS  
FUNDED ALMOST ENTIRELY BY THE UNITED STATES, WITH ONLY NOMINAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COUNTRIES, SUCH AS IRAN, WHICH CURRENTLY  
HAVE BOTH A SERIOUS DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND AMPLE RE-  
SOURCES TO MAKE FAR MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTER-  
NATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS. OUR CONCERN WITH THE SIZE  
OF THE IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UNFADAC IS SPECIFSE AS WIWLL AS  
GENERAL AS IRAN IS THE PRIMARY VICTIM COUNTRY OF AFGHANISTAN'S  
ILLICIT OPIUM PRODUCTION.

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3. THE GOA HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT PREFERS WORKING WITH THE UN ON NARCOTICS MATTERS TO VISIBLE BILATERAL PROGRAMS WITH THE U.S. THOUGH IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN ON NARCOTICS CONTROL SEEMS A NATURAL. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT WHILE IRANIAN/AFGHAN RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY, THE GOA WOULD PREFER THAT ANY IRANIAN ASSISTANCE ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE UN.

4. AT PRESENT THIS WOULD MEAN ASSISTANCE TO UNFIDAC AS A PROMISING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UNDER ITS AUSPICES HAS BEEN SET UP IN AFGHANISTAN. HOWEVER, THE FUTURE HOLDS MORE OPPORTUNITIES: AFGHANISTAN IS STILL CONSIDERING THE PILOT PROGRAM RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT UN/FAC EXPLORATORY MISSION IN LATE 1972. THOUGH THE GOA PRESENTLY PREFERS A MULTI-SECTOR SURVEY OF BADA KHSHAN WITH THE AIM OF EVENTUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION OF PROVIDE ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL POPPY CULTIVATION.

5. IN APPROACHING THE GOI ABOUT INCREASED IRANIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS, AMEMBASSY TEHRAN MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO DRAW ATTENTION TO AFGHAN PREFERENCE FOR MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DEMONSTRATING HOW SUCH INCREASED CONTRIBUTION WOULD SERVE IRAN'S REGIONAL AIMS AS WELL AS, GIVEN THE AFGHAN OPIUM CONNECTION, BEING DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO IRAN'S DOMESTIC DRUG PROBLEM. ELIOT UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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